

Minutes of Budget Meeting May 8, 2019

The Special Called meeting was held at 11:00 a.m. on May 8, 2019. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor Leon Mooring, Alderman Joyce C. Reid, Alderwoman Annie Lewis, Alderwoman Al Lewis, Alderman Joyce M. Artis, Alderwoman

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Barbara Aycock, Town Clerk Shannon Daly, and Public Works Director Tim Howell..

Those not in attendance were Mayor Pro-tem Smith.

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Information

Mayor Flowers asked Administrator Barbara Aycock to introduce the accountant. Administrator Barbara Aycock introduced James Overton as the accountant that we are using to help us with our budget and other financial matters.

Administrator Barbara Aycock stated that we have confirmation from the LGC approving the 2019 audit contract with Petway Mills & Pearson, PA.

Administrator Barbara Aycock stated that there are lien documents on the two condemned houses that she has to sign. These are the houses that have been demolished. She stated she put these documents in the packet just for information for the board.

Administrator Barbara Aycock stated that there are budget suggestions and FEMA information that are enclosed in the packet.

Administrator Barbara Aycock stated that in 1981, there was a contract signed by the former board with CSX stating that the Town of Fremont is responsible for some of the costs of the work performed on the railroads. She stated that we have received a bill for over \$19,000 for work performed recently on the tracks. She stated that she was unaware of this contract and have sent it to our attorney, Brian Pridgen, for his review. There was some discussion about this contract.

Administrator Barbara Aycock stated that Town Clerk Shannon Daly has some suggestions for the board to review concerning our policy and procedures and asked her to explain them. Town Clerk Shannon Daly explained the suggestions and there was some discussion. It was agreed that these suggestions will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

Action

Administrator Barbara Aycock asked Mr. Overton to explain the proposed auditor budget amendment. Mr. Overton explained the budget amendment. There was some discussion. Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the budget amendment. Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the amendment. Alderman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Barbara Aycock asked Mr. Overton to go over the proposed budget for 2019-2020. Mr. Overton went over the revenues and expenditures for the General Fund, the Fire Department Fund, the Utility Fund, and the Electric Fund. It was recommended that there be increases to all of the rates to insure that the budget will be balanced for the 2019-2020 year. There was much positive discussion.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk